

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Daniel Aeschlimann et al.
For : FUNCTIONALIZED DERIVATIVES OF
HYALURONIC ACID, FORMATION OF
HYDROGELS IN SITU USING SAME, AND
METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SAME

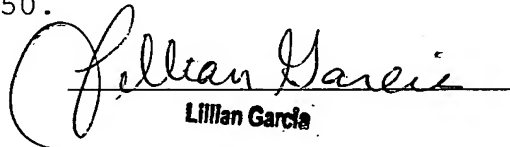


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation, [X] divisional, application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application No. 09/156,829, Confirmation No. 1589 filed September 18, 1998.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the
[X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] declaration

and power of attorney; [X] Application Data Sheet; and
[X] Preliminary Amendment.

The enclosed declaration and power of attorney is:

[] Newly executed (original or copy).

[X] A Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R.
§ 1.63(d)).

[] A signed statement is attached deleting
inventors named in the prior application
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).

[X] The entire disclosure of the prior
application, from which a copy of the
declaration is supplied, is considered as
being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby
incorporated by reference therein.

[X] The prior application, Application
No. 09/156,829, filed September 18, 1998, is
assigned of record to ORTHOGENE, L L C.

Also transmitted herewith are:

[X] Thirteen (13) sheets of:

[X] Formal drawings.

[] Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be
filed during the pendency of this application.

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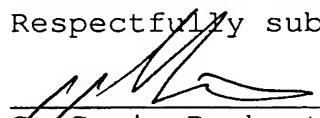
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Respectfully submitted,



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